

SUBJECT: Waiving the fee for a fishing license for Texas residents 65 or older

COMMITTEE: Culture, Recreation and Tourism — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 5 ayes — Guillen, Frullo, Larson, Murr, Smith

0 nays

2 absent — Dukes, Márquez

WITNESSES: For — James Hubert, Texas Silver-Haired Legislature

Against — None

On — Ken Kurzawski, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department;
(*Registered, but did not testify*: Justin Halvorsen, Texas Parks and
Wildlife Department)

BACKGROUND: Parks and Wildlife Code, sec. 46.004 allows the Texas Parks and Wildlife
Commission to waive the fishing licensing fee or establish a lower fee for
a resident or nonresident who is 65 years old or older.

It requires the commission to waive the fishing licensing fee for a
qualified disabled veteran and for a resident on active duty as a member of
the U.S. military forces, the Texas Army National Guard, the Texas Air
National Guard, or the Texas State Guard.

DIGEST: HB 3481 would require the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission to
waive the fishing licensing fee for a resident who was at least 65 years of
age.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2015, and would apply only to a
fee charged for a fishing license issued on or after that date.